

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No.: 10/054,898

Attorney Docket No.: Q67951

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 50-52, 58-60 and 62-63 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing the references listed on form PTO/SB/08 A & B submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 30, 2003.

In the November 12, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 50-52, 58-60 and 62-63 are allowed and that claims 61 and 64 are rejected. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims 61 and 64, without prejudice or disclaimer, to place the Application in condition for allowance. Applicant does not acquiesce to any inferences or presumptions drawn from the Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,


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